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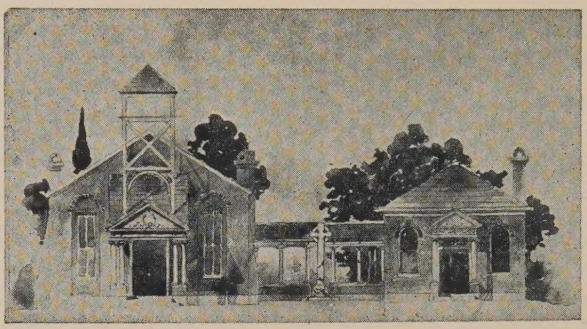

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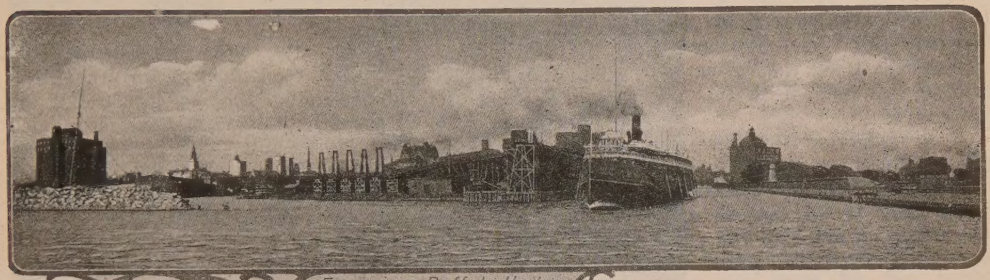
Buffalo—the Convention City

The Queen City of the Lakes

By C. G. Grauer



Entrance to Buffalo Harbor

Life Saving Station and Light House

A BIT of history of the city in which the Luther League of America will meet on August 16-18 for its sixth national convention will, no doubt, be of interest. The beginning of the settlement which has since become the city of Buffalo may be traced back to the year 1789, when a white man established a small trader's store on a site near that now occupied by the Mansion House. In front of this building now stands the "Liberty Pole." Gradually other white men found their way into this locality, trading with the Indians and founding homes for themselves and their families.

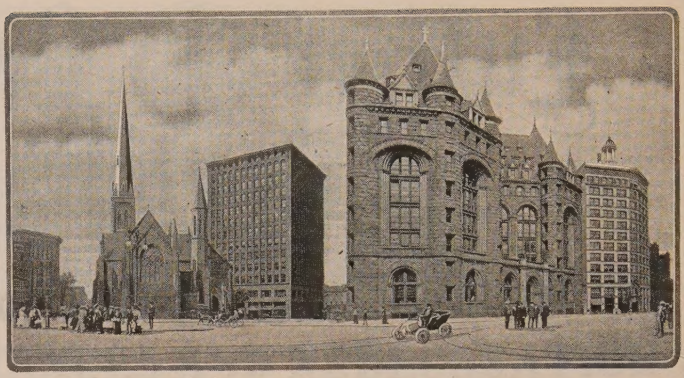
In 1801 Joseph Ellicott and a corps of engineers arrived at the little settlement, and three years later he laid out the city from the lake to Chippeway street (now Chippewa street) and from Elliott street to Carolina street.

At the breaking out of the War of 1812 the population of Buffalo was 1500, but on the night of December 31, 1813, the British soldiers and Indians crossed the Niagara River at Black Rock, advanced upon the city, put the poorly organized

MAIN STREET, LOOKING NORTH

troops to flight, killed such of the unfortunate inhabitants as were unable to escape, and finally burned the town.

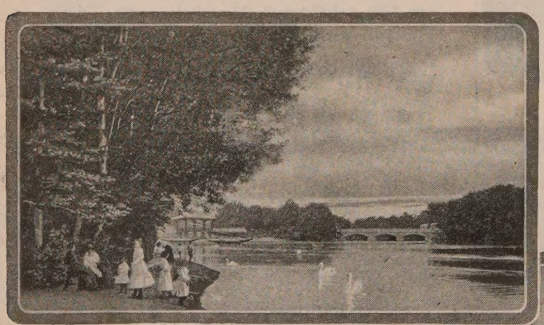
In 1832 Buffalo was incorporated as a city. The opening of the Erie Canal, the marvelous growth of the West, and its proximity to the iron, coal and oil fields forced Buffalo into a very rapid growth. Railroads from the East and the West made Buffalo a terminal. Lake lines brought the products of the great west country to her doors, and soon immense elevators and warehouses lined the water front, and Buffalo became known as the "Queen City of the Lakes."



SHELTON SQUARE

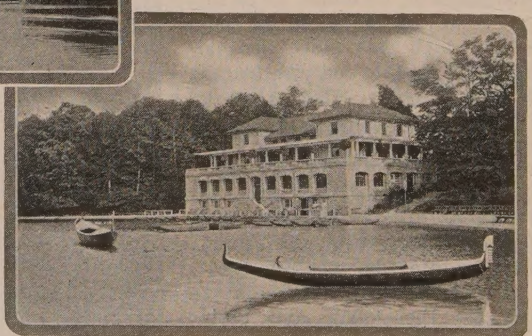
It is estimated that 44,000,000 of people live within a night's ride of this city.

Buffalo of to-day presents many attractions. Her broad, smooth asphalted streets contribute as much to the enjoyment of riding and driving as they add to the healthfulness and cleanliness of the city. Main street is the principal business thoroughfare. Lafayette square, with its soldiers' and sailors' monument, its grass plots, its flowers and its convenient seats, is a delightful resting place in the very heart of the business section of the city. It will be of particular interest to our visiting Lutherans for the reason that the new fire proof Lafayette Hotel, which has been selected as convention headquarters, faces this square. Across the street is the Buffalo Public Library, and beyond the square lies Main street. Many modern office buildings have been erected in Buffalo within the last ten years, the most prominent being the Ellicott Square, Prudential, Mutual Life, R. G. Dun Building, Fidelity Trust and the D. S. Morgan Building. This last named building is surmounted by a tower from which a view of the entire city and the surrounding country may be obtained. From this tower, by the aid of glasses, Niagara Falls may be seen. The Milburn residence in Delaware avenue, where President McKinley died, and the Ansley Wilcox home in the same street, where President Roosevelt took the oath of office, have become of historic value. Castle Inn, a fashionable hotel, located in Delaware avenue, facing Niagara square, is also of interest in that it was formerly the home of President Fillmore. The Y. M. C. A., located in West Mohawk street, is well worth visiting.

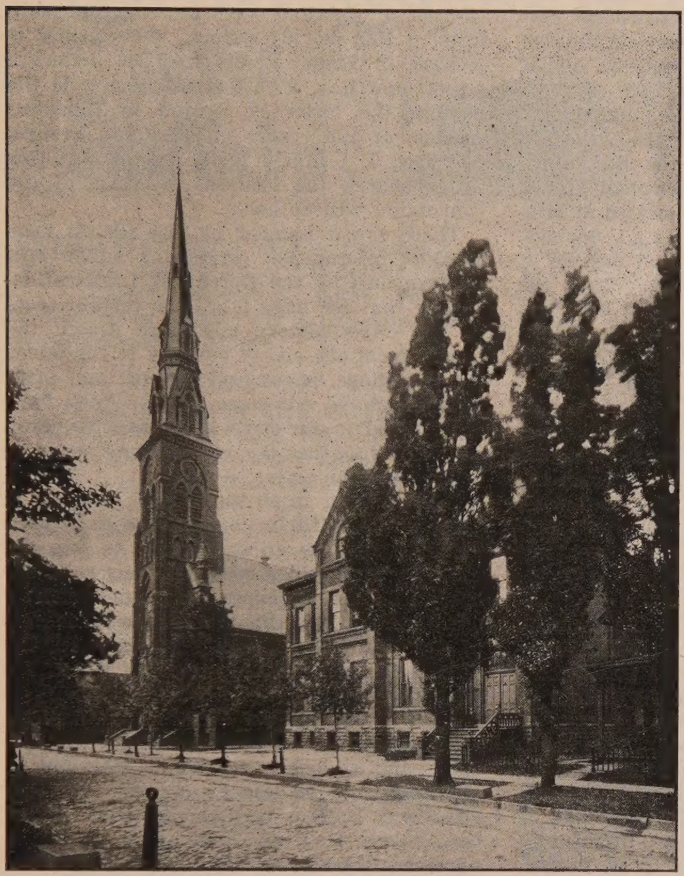


DELAWARE PARK—LAKE

Buffalo's parks are famous. Perhaps the most popular and by far the most beautiful is Delaware Park. It is situated at the north end of the city, adjoining the Pan-American grounds. A lake, boat house, charming drives, shaded walks, flowers, statues, golf links, baseball and polo



BOAT HOUSE—DELAWARE PARK



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH AND SCHOOL HOUSE, HICKORY STREET, NEAR BROADWAY, WHERE OPENING SESSION WILL BE HELD

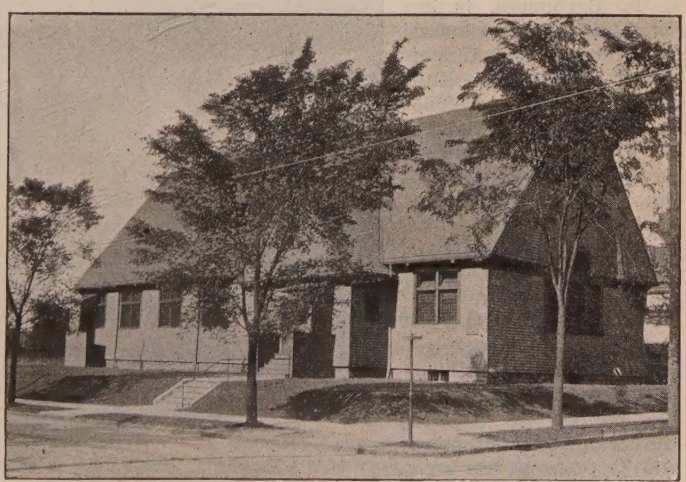
unobstructed view of Lake Erie, the Government lighthouse, the city water works, the Canadian shore whence the British under General Riall crossed and burned the town, the home of the Buffalo Yacht Club, the Niagara River and the International Bridge. This structure is ¾ mile long, has two draws of 100 feet each, and cost $1,500,000.

A sunset viewed at "The Front" will ever linger in one's memory. It is here one may see the day sink slowly into the arms of night. The rolling clouds edged with light; the smaller ones' dashes of crimson and purple; the swift running waters of Niagara converted into liquid gold; the old stone houses of the garrison catching a last caress; the lingering rays lighting up the face of the pacing sentry, and, above all, the stillness of the hour, these burn themselves into one's memory and become a part of one's life. South Park is noted chiefly for its botanical gardens.

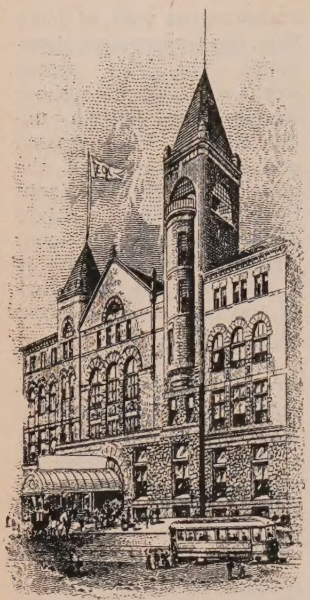
The city has many in-

grounds, cycle paths, bridle paths and "zoo" are some of its attractions. The Historical Building, containing countless objects of historical interest, gathered through many years by the society formed for that purpose, and the Albright Art Gallery, a gift to the city of Buffalo by one of her citizens, J. J. Albright, are also located in this park.

Next in point of interest and beauty is "The Front." This small park adjoins Fort Porter, a United States military post, and overlooks the Niagara River and Canada. From its bluffs one may obtain an



CHURCH OF REDEEMER, ELMWOOD AVENUE, WHERE BUSINESS SESSIONS WILL BE HELD



THE TECK, WHERE THE RALLY MEETING WILL BE HELD

stitutions that are of interest and to all of which visitors are admitted.

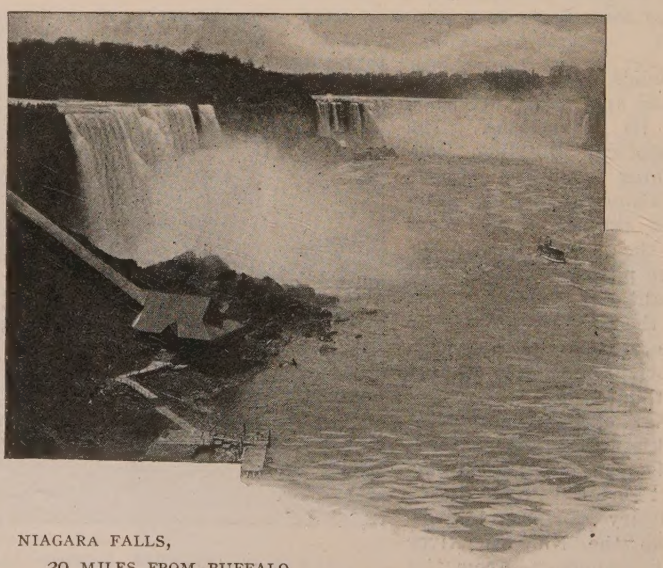
To Lutherans the St. John's Orphan Home, located at Mineral Springs, just outside of the city; the Lutheran Church Home for the Aged and Infirm, located in Walden avenue near Goodyear street, and the Martin Luther College in Maple street, are of particular interest.

Lutheranism in Buffalo may be traced back to the organization of St. John's Church in 1833. It is here that the opening session of the convention will be held. The large church and school building and the beautiful new parsonage make the property of this congregation the finest on the east side of our city. Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch is the pastor. Christ Church (German), Rev. T. H. Becker, pastor, is located in Broadway, near Fox street, and Concordia Church (German), Rev. E. F. Bachmann, is located in Northampton street, east of Jefferson street. These are also very fine churches. The Swedish Lutheran Church is located in Spring street, near Broadway. One of the finest churches in the city is now in course of erection in Main street, above North street, and when it is completed it will be the home of Holy Trinity congregation, Rev. F. A. Kahler, pastor. This church is the mother of English Lutheranism in Buffalo, and its progress has been phenomenal. The Church of the Atonement and the Church of the Redeemer are vigorous children of this worthy parent. The former is located in Eagle street, west of Jefferson street, and Rev. T. W. Kretschmann is the pastor; the latter is located in Elmwood avenue, at the corner of Highland avenue, and Rev. J. L. Sibole is the pastor. At this latter church the business meetings of the convention will be held.

There are a number of fine resorts near Buffalo, information concerning which will be furnished by the Bureau of Information.

Now that we have laid bare certain facts of our city's history and have drawn the reader from one end of our city to the other, into buildings, parks and streets; and after having pointed out some things which have contributed to our city's greatness, we pause with a feeling that the journey may not have been worth the price.

But we must go on to the end. No city is great or beautiful to us until we have been made to feel its greatness and to see its beauty. That which opens the heart and the eyes to these experiences is a genuine hearth-side greeting; and this is what the Lutherans of Buffalo are preparing to give to the hundreds and thousands of their fellow believers whom they expect to see in our city in August. Our city, our churches, our institutions, our homes and our hearts—all are wide open—and we look to see such a gathering of the sons and daughters of our dear old Church in Buffalo as shall open the eyes of our citizens to the greatness of our Church in numbers, in purity of her doctrine and in the love and devotion of her children.



NIAGARA FALLS, 20 MILES FROM BUFFALO

Luther League of America

Sixth Convention

Buffalo Aug. 16, 17, 18.

WHILE we might well be satisfied with the greetings and hospitality of the Luther Leaguers of Buffalo, that will be given us in August, our prime object must be the convention proper.

Programme

It is needless to say that the Programme Committee have in store for the delegates and visitors to the Sixth National Convention a programme that is in keeping with those of previous conventions, and which will without doubt satisfy the most exacting.

The convention topic will be:

BELIEVING—KNOWING—DOING

Our Faith. Our Church. Our Practice.

These topics will be divided as follows:

BELIEVING—OUR FAITH.

What We Believe—Our Creed,

By Mr. I. Searles Runyon of New York City.

Why We Believe—The Ground of Our Faith,

By George M. Jones, Esq., Reading, Pa.

KNOWING—OUR CHURCH.

Her Members,

By Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, St. Paul, Minn.

Her Missions,

By Miss Laura Wade Rice, Baltimore, Md.

DOING—OUR PRACTICE.

The Work of the League,

By Rev. Oliver D. Baltzley, Mansfield, Ohio.

The Work of the Individual,

By Monroe A. Munson, Chicago, Ill.

The topic will give us a vast amount of information concerning our Church, what she has done and the opportunities that are offered.

Under the first heading, "Our Faith," we hope to be told some things that will help us to remember "What and Why We Believe." After having been told of our Faith, we will in the second topic be enlightened as to "Our Church," her membership, her polyglot character, her opportunities for reaching and keeping the young. Then we will hear about her missions, home and foreign; of what we have done and ought to do. Certainly much can be learned from these.

In the last division of the topic "Our Practice" it will be shown to us what our duties are as members of the League and as individuals, both as regards our individual Church as well as the Church at large.

With the discussion that will undoubtedly follow these addresses and papers, much will be offered of practical and lasting value to all our members.

In addition to this, it is our pleasure to announce the speakers for the evening sessions as follows:

At the Wednesday evening meeting the Rev. R. B. Peery, missionary to Japan, and George B. Cromer, LL.D., late president of the Newberry College of Newberry, S. C., will make addresses.

On Thursday evening, E. Aug. Miller, Esq., of Philadelphia, and Judge Peter S. Groscup, Judge of the U. S. Circuit Court of Chicago, will speak in the Teck Music Hall at the closing meeting of the convention.

The opening meeting on Tuesday evening in St. John's Church will consist of addresses of welcome and responses, also the address and report of the National President, William C. Stoever, Esq., of Philadelphia.

Convention Headquarters

Buffalo boasts a number of very fine hotels; the finest among them is the Lafayette Hotel. It is an entirely new building and contains everything that a first-class hotel should have to minister to the comfort of its patrons, and the Luther League of Buffalo has selected it as convention headquarters, feeling confident that it would meet the requirements better than any other hotel in the city. It has a fine location facing Lafayette square, it commands an unobstructed view of Main street, with the additional advantage of having a small park in front. Across the street is the Buffalo Public Library, and across Washington street is the Monney-Brisbane Building. The rates are as follows:

Hotel Lafayette.

	Per day each.
Single room, no bath	$1.50
Additional persons, extra	1.00
Single room, with bath	2.50
Additional persons, extra	1.00

Beside this there are the hotels Iroquois, Niagara, the Lenox, the Broezel, the Genesee, all first-class houses.

Hotel Iroquois.

	Per day.
Single rooms, without bath	$2 and $2.50
Double rooms, without bath	$3, $4 and $5
Single rooms, with bath	$3, $3.50 and $4
Double rooms, with bath	$5, $6 and $7
Four persons in a room, without bath	$6 and $8
Four persons in a room, with bath	$8, $10 and $12

Genesee Hotel.

$1 to $3 per day. A rate of $3 per day and upward on the American plan for the Broezel House.

The following restaurants have been recommended for those who use the European plan: Kenilworth Café, Lexington avenue and Elmwood; Statler's, meals 25 and 40 cents; Child's Dairy Restaurant, *à la carte:* Carlson's Restaurant, Hoebblein's Bakery, Elmwood street.

All information concerning hotels, boarding houses, restaurants, &c., may be obtained from the chairman of the Bureau of Information, Rev. E. G. Boettger, 1285 Jefferson street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Notes of Interest

The opening session of the convention will be held in St. John's Lutheran Church, Hickory, between Williams and Broadway.

The business sessions will be held in the Church of the Redeemer, Elmwood and Highland.

The Local Committee insist on all delegates and visitors going direct, immediately on their arrival, irrespective of stopping places, to the Hotel Lafayette to register.

For credentials for delegates application should be made at once to Rev. Chas. K. Hunton, Statistical Secretary of the Luther League of America, 470 Mound street, Columbus, Ohio.

Transportation Announcement

The passenger associations have granted round trip rates of fare and one-third, available only on the certificate plan.

Trunk Line—This covers the territory east of Buffalo and Pittsburg and north of Washington.

Central—This territory covers part of Canada, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, part of Illinois.

Southeastern—This territory includes all the Southern States east of the Mississippi River and south of Washington.

Southwestern Excursion Bureau—This territory covers all points in Southern Missouri and Southeastern Kansas.

Western—This territory includes the States west and north of Chicago.

A fee of 25 cents additional to the fare will be collected for each certificate signed.

Further information concerning the names and territories of the above associations is to be found in the "Travelers' Official Railway Guide."

All special rates as announced will be available for delegates and visitors to the convention and members of their families accompanying them.

CERTIFICATES.

All delegates should purchase tickets through to Buffalo, securing from the local ticket agent a separate *certificate* with *each ticket*, showing that full fare has been paid, which entitles to a special fare returning, after having been properly indorsed at the convention.

Receipt for fare paid will not be accepted in lieu of certificate.

If a through ticket on certificate plan can not be procured at the starting point, the delegate should proceed to the nearest point where such through ticket can be obtained, and then purchase a ticket through to Buffalo, obtaining a standard certificate, properly filled out by the agent at the point where such purchase is made.

This certificate should be deposited immediately on arrival at Buffalo with Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, General Secretary, who will have a desk in the church for that purpose.

The railroad agent will be in attendance at the convention on August 18, and all certificates must be signed by him and Rev. Kuhns on that day. No certificates will be honored that were issued to cover the sale of more than *one* single trip ticket.

No reduction in return fare can possibly be secured unless a certificate is presented at the convention for the agent's signature. The certificates are not transferable, and it has been necessary for the committee to garantee that certificates will not be transferred, misused or offered for sale.

J. F. DINKEY,
Chairman Transportation Committee.
ROCHESTER, N. Y., June 17, 1904.

HELP FOR THE TEMPTED; AND THAT MEANS ALL OF US. By Amos R. Wells. Pp. 182. Heavy paper, 15 cents; cloth, 75 cents; leather, $1.25. United Society of Christian Endeavor, 600 Tremont Temple. Boston.

An earnest, practical, devotional book for the encouragement, strengthening and guidance of all that are fighting sin in themselves or others. The following are the headings of a few out of twenty chapters, which suggest the style of the publication: Help from Confidence, Help from Christ's Presence, Help from the Thought of Eternity, Help from the Atonement, Help from Recreation, Help from Friendship. It is a suggestive manual for personal use or to hand to those who are struggling.

The Luther League—What It Is!

A Misconception Corrected

Condensed from an address by E. F. Eilert, first president of the Luther League of America, in July, 1896, and published by request.

IN some quarters there seems to be a misconception of the fundamental principles of the Luther League, and a misapprehension of the work that it is doing and proposes to do. By some the idea is held that it was brought into existence with a revolutionary purpose; that it was conceived by an ambitious longing to change the complexion of the existing organizations, and to encumber our Church with a new and untried scheme. The fallaciousness of such conclusions is readily demonstrated by an investigation of its plans and work. An opportunity is presented to explain this work, and it is trusted that such fears may be dispelled.

In the first place, the League is not a new form of organization, holding up an individuality of its own; it does not oppose any existing forms of organization in our Church, but, on the contrary, offers assistance and encouragement to every society of young Lutherans, regardless of name or for what particular branch of church work it labors. The cardinal principle of the League is co-operation—the combination of all societies connected with the Lutheran Church, so that they may stimulate one another to become more active; to urge greater loyalty for and to the Church.

I know that you will agree with me that in the past few years a great change has taken place in the Church. It is no longer the custom to delegate the work of the Church entirely to those of mature years, but the young people are now actively engaged in everything pertaining to its welfare. This is to the credit of the young people, and may we not hope that the beginning of the twentieth century will find the young people of the nation stronger in the Master's cause than ever before. Our own Lutheran Church has suffered greatly in years past through the inactivity of its young people, but this is no longer the case, for we find to-day in almost every Lutheran church in this country a young people's organization, known by one name or another. This is as it should be, for has not the Lutheran Church every advantage to keep her young people loyal to the Church? Her Sunday-school system, supplemented by a course of catechetical instruction and culminating in confirmation, gives her, when faithfully carried out, an immense advantage over other denominations to hold the young—the brawn and sinew of the Church—faithful to the Master. It was particularly to encourage and foster this effort of keeping the young people loyal to the Church after confirmation that brought about the organization of the Luther League, and this object has been fully carried out ever since.

Not until May, 1893, when the first State organization—the Luther League of New York State—was formed, was the name Luther League adopted. That many of our societies, individual and district, have since changed their names, is indeed true; but the change was of their own volition in order to conform to the new name, and not, as is sometimes supposed, to form a new organization. This fact that some individual organizations have adopted the name Luther League does not imply that it is composed of organizations known by that name only. It embraces societies of almost every name, making no distinction between Christian Endeavor, Luther League, Luther Alliance, Young People's Societies, or any other, as long as it is connected with a Lutheran congregation accepting the Augsburg Confession—and surely there are none that do not.

When the Luther League is mentioned, it should be distinctly understood that it is a centralizing movement, drawing together societies of young Lutherans of all names into District Leagues and the Districts into State Leagues. It is to encourage every organization within its ranks to greater activity and increased usefulness in the Church.

The Luther League is not exclusive; it is as broad as the Lutheran Church itself, and our hopes and prayers are that it will embrace, ere many years, every one of its fifty millions of members, scattered the world over, from Greenland's icy mountain to India's coral strand. In every nation and in every tongue its gospel is preached, for there are none that she does not reach. We do not want to debar any Lutherans from association with us.

The special aim and object of this centralization, as has been repeatedly emphasized, is the care of the Lutheran young people—to keep them loyal to their Church. Ever since the establishment of the Lutheran Church in America the loss of the young people has been a cause of complaint, and yet, until the Luther League entered the field, no organized efforts were made by Lutherans to check this drain. That the organization has satisfied a long felt want is attested by the success that has attended its efforts, and that the future glows with promise no one can gainsay.

The League has now been organized long enough to give every one an idea of its tend-

encies and work; to those who are acquainted with these, the feeling that old relations must be severed, that a distinct change must be made, seems preposterous. Only one essential is required for membership: Connection with a Lutheran church. Whether it is Christian Endeavor, Luther Alliance, Young Men's, Women's or People's Societies, it does not matter, so long as they are connected with a Lutheran church or Lutheran institution, they are welcomed to membership.

It seems impossible to emphasize enough the federal character of the organization and its principle of co-operation. The Locals are connected with District Leagues, District Leagues with State Leagues, all under the supervision of the Luther League of America and acting on the doctrinal basis of the Word of God and the Unaltered Augsburg Confession.

The Lutheran Finns

In the Passion season 1000 American and Canadian congregations of various nationalities have, without Finnish influence, offered intercessions for Finland. "We pray your majesty to communicate this fact to the Czar, and to ask him to deal graciously with Finland." This message was sent to King Christian of Denmark and King Edward of England by Lutheran pastors in New York City in April. It serves the purpose, whatever may be its result, of directing the attention of 2,000,000 Lutherans in America and the millions of this faith in other countries to the sorrows of the Finns now under Russian tyranny. Gradually this oppression is crushing by a succession of imperial ordinances a prosperous country and superior civilization, obliterating its laws and government, its language and customs so that back of the Russian aggression lies the purpose of complete assimilation and final absorption.

The initial decree of Nicholas II. depriving Finland of its constitutional liberty was issued in 1899. This action was taken as the result of great pressure brought upon him by his officials, and, against constitutional and local government, it was in the interest of Russian bureaucracy, bestowing power long sought. The systematic plan of oppression inaugurated in Finland meant that he who would not bend before the advances of the Russian flag and Russian civilization must break. At once the Finns began leaving their country in hordes, for their only salvation lies in emigration. As a result of this policy it is estimated that a tenth of the population of Finland in 1898, estimated at 2,000,000, are now in the United States. It looks like the depopulating of a country, the denationalizing of a people, the suppression of a superior civilization and the extinction of an educational system.

The significance of the strength of the Lutheran Church of Scandinavia and Finland to the future growth of the Lutheran Church in America in view of the Finnish immigrants and exiles who have come to these shores is considerable. Neither Romanists nor the Non-Conformists have found a following among the 13,500,000 of the Lutheran Church of Scandinavia and Finland. And it is noteworthy that the Finns are credited with being intelligent, virtuous and a devoutly Christian people.

In 1903 it is reported 50,000 Finns arrived in the United States, and are distributed as follows: New York State, 7000; Massachusetts, 10,000; Pennsylvania, 2400; Ohio, 3200; Wisconsin, 1600; Michigan, 16,000; Washington, 1000, and the remainder are scattered through the West. They are to be found about Allentown and Bessemer in Pennsylvania; Calumet, Hancock, Crystal Falls, Covington, Kearsage in Michigan; Point Arena in California; Carbonado in Washington; Smuggen in Colorado; Hanna in Wyoming; Mountain Iron and Sandstone in Minnesota; Lead City in South Dakota; Red Lodge in Montana, and in New York, Brooklyn, Hoboken, Jersey City and Newark there are at least 15,000 Finns.

They labor in the copper and iron mines. They are seamen and bridgemen, carpenters and dock builders, and farmers and fishers. Not a few who formerly were sailors find work on the skyscraper buildings, and in portions of Washington and Oregon the salmon fishing industries are passing into the hands of the Finns. Alaska is credited with having a thousand Finnish fishermen and miners. Wherever he is he is a trenmedous worker. He has the brawn for the hardest work and the best pay. Many of those who have come to America are skilled workmen, who are capable of earning lucurative wages.

The "Suomi" or Finnish Synod was organized in December, 1889. The latest statistics give this body 11 ministers, 53 congregations, 9000 communicant members, 13 Parochial schools, 15 teachers, 968 pupils, 59 Sunday schools and 2900 teachers and scholars.

It is a notable fact that the Finnish coal miners at Carbon, on the Union Pacific Railroad, erected the first Lutheran Church edifice in Wyoming—a beautiful church; and later at Rock Springs, on the same railroad, a large Finnish Lutheran Church was erected. At Astoria in Oregon, in Klikatal County, Washington, in San Francisco, St. Paul and Minneapolis, Chicago and New York, and other places the Finns are found cultivating the devotion marking their Christian life in Europe and steadfastly adhering to their Lutheran faith.

A Terrible Calamity to a Lutheran Congregation

FOR a generation to come June 15 will be a day of mourning and sorrow for the Lutherans of New York City. On that fateful day 1400 members and friends of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Sunday-school boarded the steamer "General Slocum" to enjoy their annual Sunday-school outing.

Children and parents had for months looked forward to the day with joyful anticipation; for it meant not only an outing for the children, but a reunion of those older children of St. Mark's, the parents, many of whom had moved from the vicinity of the church, but who still found in the excursion an opportunity to meet their childhood friends and renew old acquaintanceships.

With flags waving and orchestra playing, amidst cheers and shouts of happiness, the "Slocum" cast off from the pier shortly after 9 o'clock, and steamed proudly out into the East River. Within a short time after leaving the dock a cry of "Fire!" was raised—just when and where will probably never be known. Fire had broken out in the forward compartment. With proper apparatus the flames could have been extin-

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guished, or at least checked, but the fire equipment of the boat was absolutely useless. With incredible rapidity the flames spread to all parts of the boat. Between flame and water the ill-fated passengers were left one resource, the life preservers. But horrible to relate, these were in worse condition than the fire apparatus. So rotten and decayed they were that they broke from the strain of drawing them from the racks. With no other resource, the passengers jumped from the sides of the burning vessel, only to escape from a fiery and meet a watery death.

In a space of two hours from the time of leaving the dock the "Slocum" was a burning hulk, beached on North Brother Island, and a thousand of our brethren had passed into eternity—one more example of "man's inhumanity to man."

Words are inadequate to describe the events of those two hours. No pen can picture the awfulness of the catastrophe. Figures alone can give an idea of the calamity that has befallen the congregation:

The Sunday-school attendance on June 12 was: Scholars, 550; teachers, 50. That on July 3, when the school was again assembled: Scholars, 112; teachers, 24.

The Luther League membership on June 14 was 152; on July 1, 107. Lost, 45.

The Church Council consisted of 21 members, of whom 16 perished.

The list of the lost includes many names long and well known in the Lutheran Church throughout the country. Lack of space alone prevents individual mention.

Portraits of a few of the prominent members of the congregation and of St. Mark's Luther League who perished are given in this number. They are:

Carl A. Anger, for 30 years Superintendent of the Sunday-school and a member of Church Council.

William H. Pullman, Vice-President of Church Council, Treasurer of Sunday-school and leader of infant class.

Miss Mary Abendschein, assistant leader of the infant class, Treasurer of St. Mark's Luther League, a delegate to the City League and contralto soloist, church choir.

Miss Catharine A. Balser, teacher Sunday-school, a delegate to the City League and attendant at many State and national conventions.

Miss Ida Brandt, teacher of Sunday-school, a delegate to City League and member of choir.

Miss Lizzie Ulrich, a teacher of Sunday-school, member of the Luther League and a former delegate to City League.

Henry C. Schnude, teacher Sunday-school, a former delegate and ex-Treasurer of the New York City League, a member of Church Council, and ex-Treasurer German Branch, Y. M. C. A.

Henry Seifert, a former teacher of the Sunday-school, an ex-delegate to the City League, Trustee St. Mark's Benefit Fund, a graduate of the Springfield Training School, and about to become an Assistant Secretary of the Twenty-third Street Branch, Y. M. C. A.

William H. Schlaefer, Secretary Sunday-school, a Trustee of St. Mark's Benefit Fund, a delegate to City League, and a former member Church Council.

Henry A. Kohler, Trustee of St. Mark's Benefit Fund, a former member of the Church Council, and also a former delegate to the City Luther League.

The miraculous rescue of the pastor of the congregation, Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D., can only be considered in the light of an act of Providence, that the sadly depleted flock should not be left without a leader. The pastor's wife and daughter are among the dead.

One short tribute to those who died: Many were the acts of heroism by those who survived, whose rescue was almost miraculous. Let it be said for those teachers and officers of the Sunday-school and church—many of them splendid swimmers—they helped to the last. They could have saved themselves, but choose, rather, to save others, and died like Christians.

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, from henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours. Rev. xiv., 13.

The fearful calamity has stirred the hearts of our whole Church and made us feel our nearness as members of the same household of faith. Our sympathies have been aroused, and we sorrow with those who are cast down and saddened by loss of relatives and friends. The congregation and Sunday-school, as well as the Luther League, have met with a great loss in membership. Doubtless they will feel discouraged at the smallness of their number, but when they know that they have back of them the hearts and good wishes of their fellow members throughout the country, they can go forth with hope for the future. With this in view, we print the following circular letter, hoping that the appeal will meet with that generous response which the time warrants:

To the Clergy and Laity of the Lutheran Church:

Brethren: The catastrophe which has befallen St. Mark's congregation, entailing the loss of almost its entire Sunday-school and many of its most faithful and efficient workers, brings home to us the necessity for con-

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The Maid of Kemnitz.

By Laura Scherer Copenhaver.

"Amid the turmoil of the mediæval Church, whose garments were so often stained with the blood of Christ's holiest saints," there is no figure more heroic than that of John Huss. The bare facts of his life make a romance through which sounds one battle-cry—For the Truth! For the truth this man hazarded everything, even life itself. Hazarded, and lost? No! because to bear witness for the truth even when no danger menaces us—is it not a good thing? To bear such witness in the face of great peril—is this not better far than ingloriously to prate of commonplaces all our lives? To die for the truth—can there be sublimer close to the most noble life?

In the following narrative of the life and times of John Huss, History has been made to wear the garb of Fable, but whenever chronological accuracy has been sacrificed it has been in order that the more "intimate spirit and meaning of the times" may be made manifest.

Chapter VII

Over the Drawbridge

"'Tis often constancy to change the mind."—*Hoole's Anastatio.*

THE years that had passed since Rudolf's last visit to Kemnitz had brought few changes to the castle or its inmates. There were many noble knights who had begged for the right to protect the young heiress and her castle. Among them, the most persistent was the suitor favored by the Countess Blanca, the Count Eberhard von Haslan.

This knight was a tried warrior, to whom the Pope had presented a golden rose for his bravery in doing battle against the Turks. Indeed, so fond of feats of prowess was the Count Eberhard that he had gone into far countries seeking adventure. At Nicopolis it was reported that he had slain heaps of Turks on the field, and killed all those he overtook in flight like wild beasts.

His last expedition had been with Duke Albert of Bavaria, into Friesland. Here the Count had received an injury of a peculiar nature. By the battle axe of a Frieslander his chin had been cut off at one blow. The lost chin had been replaced by one of silver fastened by a silken cord tied 'round his head. But if his fierce eye and gloomy brow had been unpleasant to Agnes von Rosenberg before the mutilation of his face, it is certain that his silver chin did not win her favor.

The Count Eberhard wooed Agnes von Rosenberg as he besieged cities. He warbled no love songs to the soft tones of her lute; he did not beg an embroidered scarf to wear upon his sleeve. He could have fought her battles and defended her castle of Kemnitz, but he knew no arts by which to lay siege to her heart.

The Countess Blanca pled his cause with her niece. One evening the two women sat in the great hall of the castle. The waxen torches were lighted; the noises of the day had died away; the foot fall of a solitary sentinel was heard at regular intervals as he passed without; Agnes turned the leaves of a book bound in crimson velvet.

"Thou art a perverse maiden," said the Countess. "These be warlike times and the castle will be stormed and burned over our heads with no man to defend it."

"Mine own men are brave as the Count Eberhard's," said Agnes, proudly. "They have vowed to my father to defend the castle and me; I trust them with my life and my honor."

"High words slip smoothly off the tongues of cowards when the enemy is afar," said the Countess. "'Tis rumored the Hussites are in Moravia—they who burn priests and women alive in barrels of pitch. Thy false kinsman will know how to show them the way to Kemnitz."

"Do not speak of Rudolf thus," cried Agnes. "He fights for his faith, and I would have it so. I would not that he should be shut up in his university till the wars are over. Thou knowest he would not make war upon Kemnitz."

"'Tis said the Men of the Cup care not for kinship and spare not princes. And they be in Moravia, they will not spare Kemnitz."

"The castle is at all times ready for defense. Listen! the guard walks outside tonight."

Even as Agnes spoke, the footsteps were stopped, and a heavy body fell upon the paved outer court with a thud. An instant later a figure leaped into the room; it was followed by a second and a third.

The Countess gave a shriek. Agnes sprang to her feet, and clasped the book in her hand against her breast.

The appearance of the three figures might well have appalled stouter hearts than those of the two women. Covered with hair from head to foot, one of them a man of gigantic stature, they seemed to be savages from the Northern wilds. But their faces were concealed by masks such as the Countess Blanca had seen in her youth at the balls of Paris, upon the gallants of the French court. As the light of the torches shone full upon the three men, it was plain that the covering of their bodies was also artificial.

The shrieks of the Countess were instantly stopped by the masked intruders. She was quickly bound and left lying upon the floor.

Agnes was deftly gagged, then lifted into the arms of the tallest of the three men, and borne easily and swiftly out through the doors past the dead body of her sentinel.

Suddenly, with a hideous shriek, a figure rushed by her enveloped in a sheet of flame. There was a smell of burning flax, and in an instant the truth flashed upon Agnes that the covering which had produced the effect of hair on the three men was flax. In passing the torch, one of them had ignited the inflammable stuff, and in a moment his whole body seemed to be ablaze.

The strong fellow who carried Agnes stopped, and Agnes heard the voice of his companion.

"He will arouse the castle with his shrieking! We must take another way. Over the drawbridge to the horses."

She recognized the voice of the Count Eberhard von Haslan. She knew in the darkness that her captors were hurrying to the drawbridge, over the wide trenches around the castle. Various noises betokened that her own men were now aroused. If only she could call them to her aid!

"'Tis I, Haslan!" called a low voice in her ear. "I swore to thee that if I could not win thee by fair means, yet I would have thee."

Agnes felt the arms of the giant who bore her tighten about her. As they approached the drawbridge she heard the gallop of an approaching horse.

A voice cried, "Who goes there?"

"Attempt not to pass!" called the Count Eberhard.

"Delay me not. I am a friend, Rudolf Faulfisch, with urgent tidings for the mistress of Kemnitz."

At that moment, the moon rose over the trees. In the dim light Rudolf caught the glimmer of Agnes' dress and the gold of her hair falling over the shoulders of the man who bore her in his arms.

Rudolf sprung from his horse and drew his sword.

"Agnes?" he cried.

She managed to utter a faint sound. It was enough for Rudolf.

"Put the maiden down," he said, and shouted in a voice that woke the echoes among the hills about the castle, "A rescue! ho!"

Count Eberhard, with drawn sword, advanced to meet Rudolf.

"Escape to the forest with the maiden," he said to his companion.

The man turned to run. Rudolf, unmindful of the Count of Haslan, pursued. From all directions the men of Kemnitz, aroused by the various outcries, came running.

The man who bore Agnes, seeing that escape with her was impossible, left her and fled. The Count Eberhard, finding himself surrounded, made no attempt at flight. He was led a prisoner to the castle.

"Thou hast saved me!" said Agnes softly to Rudolf.

"Alas!" he cried in sudden recollection, "I bring fearful tidings."

"They cannot be so from thy lips," she answered.

"How can I tell my news? The Hussite army is advancing to storm Kemnitz. They will be here by noon to-morrow. We must escape to-night."

"I have sworn to defend Kemnitz as my father would have done. I will not flee."

"Agnes, thou must go, and at once. What force is here?"

"Fifty men at arms, and a dozen archers are lodged about the castle. Every man of them would die for me."

"Yet, thou must not stay and risk the chances of the siege. If the castle be taken, the peasants will show thee no mercy."

"Thou wilt go back to them?"

"Agnes!" he cried, his voice shaken with distress at her suspicion.

"I thought not so. Forgive me, Rudolf," she said, holding out her hands.

He took them in his own and they entered the castle together.

The Countess Blanca, forgotten in the confusion, was still lying bound upon the floor. She was quickly released, and greeted Rudolf as her deliverer with many high flown expressions of gratitude, but at the tidings of the approach of the Hussites she covered her face in her hands and moaned in hysterical fright.

The Count Eberhard was brought in before Agnes. He did not lift his eyes to her, but stood with bowed head.

"He is already shamed," she said. "Let him go free."

But he fell upon his knees and entreated

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Luther League of Ohio

Ninth Annual Convention, at Newark, June 22-23

By Grace Hunton

THE work of this convention was in harmony with its theme, "The Word, the Sacraments and the Church, Sanctify Them Through Thy Truth; Thy Word is Truth." The Church was the object of consideration, its history and doctrines were discussed and means for advancing its interests planned.

The sessions were held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rev. J. C. Schindel, pastor. The congregation, with its pastor as leader, had made every arrangement possible for the comfort of the delegates and visitors and the success of the convention. On the second day, Thursday, dinner and supper were served in the basement, which afforded an excellent opportunity for social intercourse.

The vice-president, Rev. I. D. Worman, Van Wert, conducted the devotional services at the first session, Wednesday afternoon. Many members then spoke on the theme for the convention. Rev. C. L. Fry of Philadelphia, the national literary secretary, and Rev. L. M. Kuhns of Omaha, the general secretary of the Luther League of America, were introduced to the convention. The president, Rev. F. P. Bossart, Lima, read his report, which was full of encouragement. He urged more activity along the line of district organization, and more extensive use of the Luther League literature.

The treasurer's report showed that the League is in good financial condition. Rev. W. L. Guard, Urbana, as statistical secretary, reported as follows: Number of leagues reported, 42; junior leagues 9, total 51; an increase of 13 over last year's report. Members, senior 1803, juniors 272; total 2075, an increase of 275. Contributions for local objects, $642.10; benevolence, $296.13; total $933.23; an increase of $51.03.

Rev. Charles K. Hunton, Columbus, chairman of Credential Committee, reported that according to the register there were 89 delegates present and 26 visitors; total 115. Many visitors, however, failed to register.

Upon motion, Rev. G. H. Schnur, Chillicothe, was appointed to prepare a message of condolence to be sent to the Rev. G. C. F. Haas, New York, on account of the terrible calamity which has befallen him and his congregation. The president was instructed to send a message of congratulation to the Rev. J. A. W. Haas on account of his inauguration as president of Muhlenberg College. At a later session, Dr. G. W. Mechling, Dr. D. H. Bauslin and Dr. F. W. E. Peschau were appointed to draw up suitable resolutions upon the death of Dr. Seiss. They read as follows:

"We have heard with sincere regret at this meeting of the Ohio Luther League of the death of Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D., at Philadelphia on Tuesday last. As preacher, author and defender of the faith of the Lutheran Church he has been, even down to his old age, a great source of honor to our beloved Church. His fine endowments, great industry and devotion to the Church of our faith and affection have enabled him through his long life to make permanent contributions of great value to the life history and doctrinal statements of the Lutheran Church in this country. He has died in peace and in Christ, and rests upon his labors.

D. H. Bauslin.
G. W. Mechling.
F. W. E. Peschau.

The Wednesday evening session was a successful one. Rev. J. C. Schindel delivered a cordial address of welcome to which the president happily replied. Rev. Charles L. Fry of Philadelphia, gave a talk on Religious Work of the League, using object lessons as illustrations. Rev. S. P. Long of Mansfield had been specially requested to deliver his lecture on "Divine Enthusiasm," but on account of severe illness in his family he could not be present. Rev. W. G. Dressler of Findlay kindly consented to speak in his place.

Rev. Bossart was called home by a death in his congregation, so the vice-president was in the chair at the rest of the sessions. Thursday morning, the general secretary, Rev. L. M. Kuhns, was given opportunity to speak. He urged the wider adoption of the Topics, Review and Reading Courses. This was followed by a symposium of four ten minute papers or talks on "Our Young People's Needs:" 1. "Better Home Influences," Prof. F. H. Ottman, Newark. 2. "Better Indoctrination," Mr. Oliver Weaver, Van Wert. 3. "More Interest in Missions," Miss Grace Fendner, Akron. 4. "Better Social Influences," Miss Grace Hunton, Lima. Rev. Fry completed his practical demonstration of League work by speaking at this session of literary and social work. He made clear that all literary and social work in the League is of value only as it deepens and broadens the religious life. These three classes of work cannot be disassociated.

At the fourth session the principal business was the election of officers and delegates to the National Convention, Buffalo. The election resulted as follows: Pres., Rev. J. C. Schindel, Newark; vice-pres., Rev. A. B. Markley, Ph.D., Mansfield; rec. sec., Miss

Anna Kaiser, Columbus; cor. and statistical sec., Miss Estelle Hartmann, Chillicothe; treas., Mr. Chas. Matthes, Mansfield; literature sec., Miss Grace Hunton, Lima. This last office is a new one, made in order to aid in introducing L. L. literature.

National delegates: Rev. F. P. Bossart, Lima; Rev. J. C. Schindel, Newark; Rev. G. H. Schnur, Chillicothe; Rev. C. K. Hunton, Columbus; Mr. Chas. Matthes, Mansfield: Miss Emma Mast, Zanesville; Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, Miamisburg; Mr. Earl Greiner, Zanesville; Miss Grace Hunton, Lima; Mr. Oliver Weaver, Van Wert.

The Augsburg Confession was ably handled at this meeting in its different phases by Rev. L. S. Keyser, D.D., who concisely gave its history; Rev. G. W. Mechling, D.D., who clearly set forth its doctrines, and by Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D.D., who spoke of its relation to other denominations. Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, D.D., was to have spoken at this session of the Augsburg Confession as a basis of Church Unity, but his address was deferred until the evening, at which time he delivered it in the time assigned to Dr. F. Richards, Zanesville, who was unavoidably absent.

A question box, in charge of Rev. G. H. Schnur, brought out many helpful suggestions. At the evening session, besides Dr. Peschau's address, Rev. L. M. Kuhns spoke, but on account of the lateness of the hour did not give his intended address. As a few closing words, the Rev. L. S. Keyser, D.D., spoke of the spirit of paternal love and unity which is growing up between the different bodies of Lutherans, which justifies the time and energy expended in the League work.

The Maid of Kemnitz

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to be allowed to remain and help in the defense of the castle; to this, however, Agnes would not consent.

"Thou fearest to trust me," he said. "Then let me bear a message to thine Uncle Neuhasz that he send his men to thy aid."

"'Tis well spoken," said the Countess Blanca. "Succor must come from the outside or all will perish."

"Grant me thy pardon ere I go," said the Count Eberhard to Agnes.

"Return with my uncle's men, and thy madness shall be forgotten," she said.

Agnes summoned to the great hall the soldiers who had served under her father.

To the brave Otto of the Battle Axe she entrusted the preparations for the defense.

"I shall defend Kemnitz as my father would have done," she said to the men.

They answered with a shout.

"If there be any who fear among you, let him now depart!" said the maiden.

None moved. Then, as those veteran warriors looked upon the maid, they drew their swords, and midst the ringing of steel upon steel they took again the vow which they had made to Zezima von Rosenberg concerning his young daughter—the vow of fidelity unto death to the maid of Kemnitz.

Rudolf made no further attempt to induce Agnes to escape, or to surrender the castle. Indeed, his heart beat with joy at the thought of proving his courage before her eyes.

The Countess Blanca retired to the oratory to offer up prayers for the speedy return of Count Eberhard, with relief from Neuhasz. Agnes went about speaking to the men as they sought the posts assigned them by Otto of the Battle Axe.

Rudolf had entreated to be allowed to take a dozen men to defend the trenches, but neither Agnes nor Otto would consent to this. It was determined to assemble all the small force in the round tower of Kemnitz and await the attack of the Hussites.

By noon the next day the castle was ready for defense. Stones and missiles to be hurled upon the besiegers were collected in the round tower; fire brands were prepared, and at last, Agnes stood with Rudolf at a high window facing the forest road.

As Rudolf eagerly watched for Procop's approaching army, he understood, for the first time, Norvona's joy in battle. He had no fear that he might be called a traitor to the cause for which he had been ready to give his life. He thought only of Agnes in the hands of the brutal peasants. He was thrice armed, because he would fight with her eyes upon him, and in her defense. He had ceased to believe that Kemnitz, with its handful of men, could not withstand the attack of the army of Hussites. He was inspired by the faith of the mediæval knight in the goddess of fortune, whose hands held nothing but favors for the daring warrior and the true lover.

Yet, as he stood beside Agnes watching the forest road over which he had often ridden beside her, he was silent. He could not speak of love; he would not speak of the valorous deeds he meant to do, while as yet his courage was unproved.

(To be continued.)

It is hoped that it may be possible to report good ideas and suggestions from time to time, so that each League may benefit every other round about it in every possible manner.

"Have thy tools ready! God will find thee work."—*C. Kingsley.*

One good act is better than two resolves.

We hope to meet the Junior workers at the great Convention in August, at Buffalo.

Luther League Topics

10th Sunday after Trinity. Aug. 7, 1904.

Repent and Be Converted

(Acts ii : 37-47).

Biblical Topic Reviewed by Rev. J. I. Miller.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: 1. Whence the necessity of conversion? 2. The chief agency in conversion? 3. At what period in life do the far larger number of conversions take place? 4. Is there a disposition to defer this matter? 5. Why is death-bed repentance likely to be spurious.

Lessons for our own lives: 1. What obligations does conversion impose? This is too often overlooked. Most persons think they are doing their whole duty if they save themselves. But this is a narrow and unworthy view to take. When Hobab, Moses' father-in-law, visited the children of Israel, on their way to the promised land — Num. x : 29— "Moses said to Hobab, come then with us and we will do thee good; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

When Andrew was called to be a disciple of the Saviour, it is said: "He first findeth his own brother, Simon, and saith unto him, we have found the Messias . . . and he brought him to Jesus," John i : 41, 42. Saved ourselves, we should feel it a duty to save others. Not the preacher only, but every member of the church should become a soul-winner. "We are laborers together with God." "To do good and to communicate, *forget not.*"

2. *What are evidences of conversion?*

We must not so much look for evidence as to *time* and *place* of conversion as to its fruits. Striving against sin; deep sorrow, and a renewed purpose to lead a better life, when we have been overtaken in a fault; hungering after righteousness; "avoiding all appearance of evil." These things prove the reality of "a renewal of the spirit of our minds." Dr. Parker says: "Where the character is pure, high, noble, it would be impossible to deny a high religious motive and a noble religious consecration." The greatest want today among professing Christians is a holy, consecrated, consistent life. You can have no stronger evidence that you are a child of God than that you are willing and anxious on all occasions to "deny yourself, take up your cross and folllow Christ." You can do no better service to your league and church than to live so that others will "take knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus."

3. How noble the hopes which true repentance or conversion inspires! This is "the hope that maketh not ashamed," but fires the soul with a lofty ambition that rests not beneath the stars. The Apostle Peter tells us, in a few words, what the Christian hope is: "Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy, hath begotten us again to a lively living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadetth not away, reserved in heaven for you."

4. *The ultimate reward of conversion.* Peter said, Lo, we have left all and followed Thee, what shall we have therefore? This is a natural question, yet should not be the main object in view to the Christian.

But that it is not wrong to make this, among others, a motive to lead a Christian life, the Scriptures clearly show. Moses "had respect unto the recompense of the reward," when he "esteemed the reproaches of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt." And Paul, when looking death in the face, said: "Henceforth there is a crown of righteousness laid up for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me in that day." And John says: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

12th Sunday after Trinity. Aug 21, 1904.

Justification by Faith

(Heb. ii : 14; Romans i : 16-19)

Biblical Topic Reviewed by Rev. J. I. Miller.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: 1. What was the condition of salvation, as taught by the Church of Rome, when Luther began the Reformation. 2. What did Luther teach on this subject? 3. Does salvation by faith, without the deeds of the law, encourage a low state of piety? 4. Does our Church hold good works as unimportant? 5. Tell the meaning of Antinomianism.

Lessons for our lives: 1. It is important to know the difference between a faith that is simply historical or intellectual and a saving faith. Many fail to distinguish between them. A man may receive all the facts of revelation, his intellect may fully indorse their truth, but, at the same time, may have no power whatever over his life. He may even hold the Bible in high esteem, be loud and eloquent in his praises of it, but be wholly ignorant of its saving power. All this is only historical faith, which even the devils have; for they believe and tremble.

But saving faith is a *heart* and *life* power. Paul tells us, "with the heart man believeth

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unto righteousness." This is wrought in the heart by the Spirit of God, and is preceded by repentance toward God. Saving faith is never wrought in any heart, till, through the word and spirit, it is made sensible of its lost state, and of the certainty of salvation, through faith in the name of Jesus. He that believeth in the Son hath everlasting life.

2. We must be careful to show in our daily life the fruits as evidence of saving faith.

Many persons claim that they have faith, but "faith without works is dead." James says, "show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works." The Scriptures show the power of saving faith in three particulars: In Acts xv: 9, Peter says, "purifying their hearts by faith." In Gal. iv: 6, Paul says: "Faith which worketh by love," and in I John v: 4, the Apostle says: "And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Thus we may condense it all in one brief sentence: Faith *purifies* the *heart, works* by *love,* and *overcomes the world.* These effects of faith, in a greater or less degree, must be seen in every life, or true faith is wanting. A pure heart and life, love to Christ and his people, and victory over the world, seen in the absence of everything that is essentially worldly, are the evidences of saving faith.

3. How important the careful and prayerful study of the Epistles to the Romans and Galatians! In these Scriptures, more forcibly and clearly than in any other portion of the Bible, is the doctrine of Justification by Faith set forth. No one can study this subject in the light it is there presented and fail to see that this doctrine is the "Center of the Lutheran System," and the only way of salvation taught in the word of God.

How thankful should all Christians be that God raised up Luther to unearth this vital doctrine from the depths in which it lay concealed under the errors and superstitions of Catholicism!

13th Week after Trinity. Aug. 28, 1904.

Early German Lutherans in America

Historical Topic Reviewed by S. E. S.

The assigned topic is worthy of a year's study. In the brief space allowed it will be possible only to outline the subject or suggest points for investigation.

The Dutch and Swedish Lutherans preceded the German. Indeed, the Germans seem to have been content to stay at home and let other nations colonize the new world. Few came before the close of the seventeenth century, but they arrived in larger numbers early in the eighteenth century.

In June, 1710, four thousand landed at New York, fugitives from the Palatinate. They were the first Germans that religious persecution had driven to our shores. You will bear in mind that Louis XIV. was devastating Germany. Finding it impossible to hold the conquered land, he gave orders to turn the country into a desert. Half a million people were allowed three days to vacate. Their homes were burned, their planted fields plowed, their orchards hewn down. The cities were reduced to ashes. The sufferers fled to Protestant England, where good Queen Anne took them under her personal protection and assisted them in their establishment in the new world. The first delegation landed in New York in 1708 and settled in the neighborhood of Newburg. Others followed in 1710. Among the early pastors were Joshua von Kocherthal, Julius Falckner and W. Christopher Berkenmeir. Mr. Falckner belonged to a family of clergymen and was educated at Halle for the ministry, but, conceiving an aversion for the calling, he came in 1700 to America as a land agent for William Penn. While dealing with the Swedes he was led to regret his decision and to determine to consecrate his life to the Church. Hence, he was the first Lutheran minister ordained in this country, and is honored as the first pastor of the first German Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

These early Lutheran colonists met with peculiar trials. Their condition as tenants of the soil was little better than slavery. When they had secured land, improved it, and built homes, they were dispossessed of what they had supposed their own, and grievously defrauded. Led by an Indian guide into Pennsylvania, they came finally into the Tulpehocken region, near Reading, and settled in the fertile land of Penn. Here, in 1729, Conrad Weiser joined them, to become an honorable leader among them.

Some of the immigrants had gone directly to Pennsylvania, and of these four thousand Germans scattered through the land it is recorded: "They grow with the growth of New York and Philadelphia; they cultivate the soil on the flats of the Hudson; they are faithful tenants in Schoharie; they subdue and enliven the wilderness of Pennsylvania along the Tulpehocken and Swatara."

How they needed pastors! Relief came at last from the Orphan House at Halle. Missionaries, capable and consecrated, were sent to minister to the Lutheran settlers. A young man of thirty years, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, who had been thinking of India as his field, was called by Dr. Francke to go to America. Cheerfully yielding, and believing that he was following divine leading, he arrived at Charleston in 1742, and a few months later reached Philadelphia. His parish covered an extended area, including the churches of Philadelphia, New Hanover and the Trap-

pe, and he was also frequently engaged in Lancaster, Reading, Germantown, Tulpehocken, and other points in Pennsylvania, as well as in New Jersey and New York, preaching in German, English and Dutch. He often assisted the Swedish clergy, and there was probably not an organized Lutheran Church in which he had not preached. Later others came to share and carry on his labors—Peter Brunnholtz, John Nicolas Kurtz, John Helfrich Schaum, John Frederick Handschuh, John Dietrich, Matthias Heintzelman, Frederick Schultz, John Lewis Voigt, John Andrew Krug, Christopher Emanuel Schulze, Justus Henry, Christian Helmuth, John Frederick Schmidt, and John Christopher Kunze. In this company we find rare qualities. These men were deeply spiritual and untiring in their service. They were in love with their calling, devoting their energies, talents and influence unreservedly to it. They were model men in the performance of their duties. They possessed a large, catholic spirit and held liberal, comprehensive views. They loved their own church, but were not partisans. They highly esteemed those of other communions, and lived beside them in uninterrupted confidence and friendship. We read of Whitfield preaching at the meeting of Synod, and representatives of the Presbyterian and Episcopal churches attending the sessions. It is needless to add that a kind, fraternal spirit always marked their intercourse with one another. They were men of enlarged intellectual culture. One was honored by connection with Columbia College, two with the University of Pennsylvania, and another was distinguished as a mathematician and linguist as well as for his investigations in natural and philosophical science.

Previous to this time, in 1728, John Caspar Stoever, of ancient German family, had come to this country as chaplain to a company of emigrants who desired their children to be trained in the faith of their fathers. He preached in Lebanon, Lancaster and New Holland, Pa., and later went to Virginia to minister to a remote settlement destitute of the means of grace, coming back, however, to spend the last years of his life in Lebanon County, where he was pastor of the Hill Church. He, too, like the Halle group, was a man of fearless courage, marked devotion and elevated piety.

In 1714 we find Lutherans establishing themselves by the Rappahanock in Virginia; in 1734 the Saltzburgers landing at Charleston; in 1739, '40, others settling in Maine, where they experienced incredible hardships.

The German Lutherans coming to Philadelphia by the thousands scattered into the interior, and, by the middle of the eighteenth century, aggregated nearly 100,000. Many lived in Pennsylvania and were recognized as a substantial element in society. Thus writes Dr. Dorchester: "The German emigration was not only extensive, but very pure and almost wholly Protestant, with a high standard of morality and distinguished for Christian virtues."

To those who delight in tales of heroism and conquest the history of these Lutheran pioneers is of thrilling interest. Here are reproduced the energy, courage and endurance of the Pilgrim Fathers. Such a subject deserves careful study.

Let individual characters be assigned to the members, or special topics like the following: Historic Outlook, Queen Anne's Part, What Led to Emigration, First Places Settled, First Ministers, Halle Missionaries, Obstacles Encountered, Tales of Heroism.

A Terrible Calamity to a Lutheran Congregation

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certed action to perpetuate this congregation in its present location.

The immediate needs of the sufferers and the permanent care of the helpless are being provided for by the generous gifts of the community at large, through a Relief Committee appointed by the Mayor of the city. To this fund Lutherans have contributed liberally. But after this work of mercy has been done by us as citizens, we as Lutherans have another obligation. It is to see to it that the important work this church has been doing is not left undone henceforth. So depleted is the congregation in numbers and financial strength that without substantial help it can scarcely survive the blow. What its life and prosperity mean to the Lutheran Church in New York is shown by the fact that many of the churches in this city have in their membership men and women who at one time or another have been in the work in this stricken congregation.

It has been decided, therefore, to recommend to Lutherans the raising of a fund for the temporary, and if necessary, the permanent assistance of this church. The fund can scarcely be too large. In proportion to its size will be the efficiency of the church as a working force among the Lutherans coming from the Fatherland.

Contributions to this fund may be forwarded at any time to Mr. J. Louis Schaefer, 1 and 2 Hanover square. Sincerely yours,

I. S. Runyon, Chairman.
Rev. George C. F. Haas, D.D.
Rev. John J. Heischmann, D.D., President New York Ministerium.
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Committee.

Our Secretary in the Field

OUR schools and colleges at this season have sent hundreds of young men and women into active life. Equipped with a good Christian education, their's is an opportunity for a helpful, useful life. Experience will, as it is acquired, add the practical factor to education, qualifying it all the more for useful service in life's great work. If these young men and women believe that faith and Christ have a place in their day, then theirs is an immediate and enduring duty of expressing this in their words and character. Thus it has been well said: "The life of a private citizen, as well as that of a public man, is a trust. It is due to the community as well as to himself that in his personal relations, his business, his expenditures and his luxuries, the citizen does not offend the conscience of the people nor rudely disturb the conventionalities of society, but rather, if he be a man of liberal education, that he sustain by his own example the conscience of the people, making them sensitive to every suspicion of dishonesty, and leading them to self-restraint, simplicity and nobility of life." So it is only as it is Christian, education is best calculated to contribute the greatest value in dealing with the real problems of mankind.

It was our privilege to attend the commencement exercises of one of our Lutheran colleges, and we were gratified to hear the commendatory words by the pastor of the college church regarding the local Luther League and his tribute to the excellence of the REVIEW. In one of our Norwegian Lutheran churches it was cheering to observe the helpful attitude of the Lutheran students in attendance on one of the most prominent State universities. It was suggestive of a field of promising work for Luther Leaguers.

The Luther League of Ohio met in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rev. J. C. Schindel, pastor, Newark, Ohio, on June 22 and 23. It was a profitable convention, many estimating it the best in the history of the State Luther League work. As a full report of this convention will be furnished the REVIEW, it will suffice to call attention to two things that impressed us. One was the spirit and character of the two-minute greetings from the District Leagues and the Local Leagues or societies. The other feature that may be of use to programme committees is given here in full. It is this:

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S NEEDS. (Ten minutes each.)

1. Better Home Influence, Prof. F. H. Ottman, Newark.
2. Better Indoctrination, Mr. Oliver Weaver, Van Wert.
3. More Interest in Missions, Miss Grace Feudner, Akron.
4. More Care in the Assignment of Work, L. C. Meugert, Esq., Mansfield.
5. Better Social Influence, Miss Grace Hunton, Lima.

Ohio shows an increase of 13 Luther Leagues, 4 Districts, 275 members and $51.03 in contributions over 1903.

A few days were spent in Chicago. Members of the local and State Extension and Executive committees were met. Just now the absorbing matter of interest is the place and arrangements for the next convention of the Luther League of Illinois. In due time the committees will publish the results of their labors, and we can only hope the splendid convention of 1903 may be excelled by that of 1904. Chicago expects to be well represented at Buffalo at the National Convention.

From South Dakota comes this word of encouragement: "The State Luther League work of South Dakota is making encouraging progress. The growth of the organization is not as vigorous as some of us might wish, but it is a conservative, sound and therefore safe growth. Numerous congregations and pastors who at first ignored or opposed the movement are now welcoming the League as a safe and timely friend of the young people, and as an obedient and helpful child of the Church. Growing League interest and activity are manifested throughout our State among large Scandinavian Lutheran communities." This item from one of the letters in the mail of the General Secretary will be of general interest.

So from many different quarters comes news of increase and growth. "Of the Church, by the Church, for the Church," praying and working, the Luther League manifests its helpful agency in the congregational life of our Church. At the center is Christ. The doctrines of the Augsburg Confession center in Christ. Planted upon the Augustanna as the correct exponent of the Word of God, the Luther League is an instrument for conservative service in the Church. Accepting the foundations the Church has laid once for all, and designing to leave on it everything precious, and beautiful, and pure; and knowing "the good that has been is necessary to the safety of the good that is to be," the Luther League would stimulate the splendid body of young people who in solemn vows to God at our altars have given their lives to Christ "to greater Christian activity," and foster in them "the spirit of loyalty to the Church."

LUTHER M. KUHNS.

Two Prominent Lutherans Dead

WITH the announcement in one week of the death of two more of our foremost Lutheran ministers, Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D., L.H.D., and Rev. E. F. Moldehnke, D.D., we are again reminded of the words of the Lord Jesus, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Oh, how many, many Lutheran fields are ripe

REV. JOS. A. SEISS, D.D., LL.D., L.H.D.

for the harvest! How much the Church needs more ministers! Ought we not have one special Sunday morning set apart when from every Lutheran pulpit throughout the land a special sermon should be preached on this subject? There are so many startling facts which ought to be brought to the attention of the fathers and mothers of our Lutheran boys! Our Leagues could well take up this subject and "press it home." Dr. A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D., L.H.D., who died recently in Philadelphia, was a pulpit orator of national fame. For nearly a half century he was the pastor of the Church of the Holy Communion, whose place of worship was for many years the historic landmark at Broad and Arch streets. Dr. Seiss was born near Graceham, Frederick County, Md., March 18, 1823. His study of theology was commenced, irregularly, in the seminary at Gettysburg, and was pursued in private while in charge of an academy at Westminster, Md. He was licensed by the Synod of Virginia May 3, 1842. He spent the first year of his ministry in mission work at Mt. Sidney and Harrisonburg, Va. Dr. Seiss in 1858 became pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, Pa., the oldest existing English Lutheran church in the world, which he served for 16 years, when the congregation peaceably divided to form a new church in another part of the city. This resulted in the formation of the Church of the Holy Communion, which he founded and had served as its first and only pastor from its beginning in 1874 to the present time. Dr. Seiss had been distinguished as a preacher and writer, world wide in his reputation, and prominent in the affairs and transactions of the English parts of the Lutheran Church in America. He was one of the founders of the General Council in 1867.

Rev. Edward F. Moldehnke, D.D., senior pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, died on Saturday, June 25, of heart failure, occasioned by overwork and strain on account of the disaster to the "General Slocum," in which a number of Dr. Moldehnke's parishioners lost their lives. Dr. Moldehnke was born in Prussia August 10, 1836. He came to

REV. E. F. MOLDEHNKE, D.D.

this country as a missionary in 1861, working at first in Wisconsin. He became pastor of St. Peter's, in this city, in 1869. From 1895 to 1899 he was president of the General Council. The funeral services were held at the Beekman Hill Church, where St. Peter's congregation has been worshipping while their new church, at Fifty-fourth street and Lexington avenue, is building.

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Editorial

The whole country, and our Lutheran people in particular, have been shocked by the great catastrophe which befell St. Mark's Lutheran Church and its pastor, Dr. G. C. F. Haas, in the burning of the excursion steamer General Slocum. Our profoundest sympathy goes out to pastor and people, and we unite our prayers to the God of all comfort to sustain and comfort, by His grace, the many sorrowing hearts.

In the anguish and sympathy of the great wave of regret that went over the hearts of the Church at the tidings of the awful havoc by the combination of fire, flood, wreckage, panic, rocky shores, swift current and deep water, we are apt, most of us, to forget that one grand Christian word, "Resurrection," which, though waves of sorrow may lash it and oversweep it, emerges, like a great broad rock of safety, out of the depths. By the power of Our Lord Jesus Christ the gates of hell shall not prevail against His people, and the island of our safety shall be a land not of hospitals, but of the mansions of the blessed. Thus, by a most wonderful transformation for those who are in Christ, what was supposed to be the river of death becomes the way unto everlasting life, and salvation. Satan and death cannot possibly triumph over Christ and the believer's soul. The many evidences and experiences of sympathy which this calamity has called forth are deeply impressive. The tendency of the times is for men to be so busy and eager and anxious about their own plans and so selfish about their own success that they have little time or inclination to remember "ye are members one of another," or to ask seriously, "who is my neighbor?" Such a shock as this compels men to remember "no man liveth unto himself," and to remind us of our duty to "bear one another's burdens."

How helpless we are in the great crises of life. How little we know of what the day has in store. How great a comfort and stay is our Christian faith that nothing can separate us from the love of God, and that all things work together for good to those that love Him. As we read Rom. 8:28 and 8:31-39, how new and refreshing the promises become. "The word they still shall let remain."

Mt. Pelee! Chicago! Baltimore! New York! surely these say to us "the day and the hour no man knoweth;" "behold, I come quickly," "as a thief in the night," "as the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth even until the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be." They also call to us in tones that cannot be mistaken, "work while it is day, ere the night cometh, when no man can work."

Let the clanging bells of time
With their changes rise and fall;
But in undertones sublime,
Sounding deep beyond them all,
Comes a voice that must be heard,
As our moments onward flee,
And it speaketh out this word:
Eternity! Eternity!

"Be ye also ready"—ready to cheer and inspire your hearts with the glorious old Gospel of life—"whether we live we live unto the Lord, whether we die we die unto the Lord; living or dying, therefore, we are the Lord's;" "death hath no more dominion over us," for "we have passed from death unto life." To the child of God death is the opening of the door into the glorious life of heaven and the presence of "the King in His beauty;" "for me to live is Christ, to die is gain." In a little while, in yonder glorious heaven, we shall again meet our loved ones and abide with them forever, where there is no night and no death. Truly Christ and his heaven are worth living for and worth dying for.

"Be ye also ready."

Are you going to Buffalo? If so, have you made your arrangements? Have you thought of the topic and how you can help in its discussion? These are thoughts which should suggest themselves to every one who has an idea of visiting that city at the time of the League Convention. There should be a good attendance, enthusiasm, interest, a determination to come for benefit, and to take a blessing from that meeting.

There are many inducements to visit Buffalo on account of its surroundings—Niagara Falls, Toronto, the lakes, and the parks in the city; these should not serve to keep the delegates away from the convention, but should be inducements to a longer vacation, so that one's full service may be rendered at the meetings, and our strength increased by exercise and sight-seeing after that is ended. The bill of fare to be presented is such as to please everybody, the Programme Committee thinks, and the Entertainment Committee at Buffalo is doing what it can to make every delegate comfortable and happy. We hope to see a large representation of earnest workers.

How many of our best young men, our choice young men, our young men of grace and grit and brains in our Leagues are studying for the ministry? There ought to be many, very many more than there are, for our Church, with her unequalled fields, ripe unto the harvest, needs them just now more than ever. We wish that every Luther League in the whole country would take up and discuss and agitate prayerfully and earnestly the question, "How can we get more of our best, choice young men to give themselves to the work of the ministry?"

The season has come when it is easy to forget the Sunday School, the prayer meeting and the Lord's Day services. Let us be true. The vacation season has many temptations. But can we afford to be indifferent to God's claims upon us at this time of the year? A true and beautiful life is sustained by a stable faith. It may be of the simplest kind, but it is a faith securely founded. Superficial religion, indulgence and indifference to divine things are as unstable as James knew them to be. Our duty is often our privilege. God's house and all the services of the sanctuary are not secondary to vacation pleasures. Is not the true test of Christian living in growing in grace and in knowledge of Christ? This can not be the case where religion is shelved for the summer. It will help us in our Christian life to be always true.

No one can be truly loyal to Christ who manifests disloyalty to his Church. Time, work, and money will be given the Church if your heart impells you to Christ. Labor in support of your Church and Sunday School and League will be counted a joy. Rich blessing will follow those who, instead of wishing to shift the burden to others that they may take it easy, cheerily do their share. The ability to contribute cheerfully and the opportunity to engage in service should be counted a privilege.

Luther League of America

"Of the Church, By the Church, For the Church"

Official Call for the Sixth National Convention

Buffalo, August 16th, 17th, 18th, 1904

IN accordance with the cordial invitation extended at the Fifth National Convention at St. Paul, Minn., the Sixth National Convention of the Luther League of America will be held in Buffalo, N. Y. After conferring with the local committee, the Executive Committee has designated August 16, 17, and 18, 1904, as the time for holding the convention.

The arrangement of the programme is in charge of a sub-committee of the Executive Committee.

REPRESENTATION.

Any society, of whatever name, connected with a Lutheran congregation or a Lutheran institution of learning, and all District and State organizations whose admission shall have been recommended by the Committee on Credentials, are entitled to membership, with representation as follows: Each society admitted to membership shall be entitled to one delegate, each District Association to three delegates, and each State or Territorial organization to ten delegates. Such delegates must present proper credentials to the Committee on Credentials.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

The sub-committee of the Executive Committee who will arrange the programme will be very grateful for suggestions in regard to topics in harmony with the General Theme of the convention, and speakers. To be of assistance, the suggestions should be sent at once to E. Aug. Miller, Esq., Fifth and Walnut streets, Philadelphia, Pa., chairman of the Programme Committee.

The Committee on Transportation, in an early number of the Review, *will publish the details of the railroad rates.*

Blank forms for credentials for delegates will be sent on application by Rev. C. K. Hunton, Statistical Secretary, No. 440 South Eighteenth street, Columbus, Ohio, who will also furnish gratuitously the uniform statistical blanks of the Luther League of America.

The Luther League Review *will furnish official information each month in regard to the convention, and after the convention will publish a Convention Number containing full reports of the proceedings.*

Particulars as to hotels, boarding houses and other local arrangements will be furnished in due season by the local committee of the Buffalo District League.

This call urges all Lutheran societies, of whatever name and however synodically related, to send their full quota of delegates to this Sixth National Convention. Preparation should at once be made by every Lutheran Young People's Society to be represented at the convention in Buffalo, and of which this is the official call. It is only through the united effort and the determination of each League to contribute its share that the convention will be a full success.

LUTHER M. KUHNS,

General Secretary of the Luther League of America.

Our Churches and Institutions

Greater New York

— The new church edifice at the Wartburg Orphan Farm School, near Mount Vernon, was consecrated on Sunday afternoon, June 26.

— Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D., has been nominated by the New York Ministerium for the presidency of Wagner College, Rochester, N. Y.

— Rev. G. B. Young of Ramseys, N. J., has accepted a unanimous call to become pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. He will take charge on July 10.

Philadelphia

— Application will be made to the Court of Common Pleas, July 5, for a charter for the Church of the Redeemer, which has purchased a site and will build a church edifice in Queen lane, Falls of Schuylkill. The congregation, of which Rev. George A. Kercher is pastor, was organized about threee year ago, and now numbers about 100 members, who hold services in the old Library Building, at the Falls of Schuylkill.

— In the afternoon of Trinity Sunday, May 29, Rev. Reinhold Schmidt laid the corner stone of the new Frieden's Church. The former church was destroyed by fire. Addresses were delivered by Revs. Dr. F. J. F. Schantz, ex-president of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania; O. W. Fischer of Tamaqua and J. F. C. Fluck, the latter speaking in English. Revs. H. Meyer, A. Fischer and F. Wischan also participated in the services.

— St. Luke's Sunday-school, Rev. C. L. Fry pastor, celebrated its sixtieth anniversary with interesting features on June 12. One of the features of the celebration was the recitation of the entire chapter of Hebrews 11 by upward of 40 scholars. The school is in a most prosperous condition, numbering over 1,100 members, an increase of about 100 over last year's enrollment, while the offerings amounted to $1,543 for the year.

— Bethel Lutheran Church, after receiving Home mission aid for two years, has assumed self-support. The present membership is 183. Rev. L. B. Hafer is the pastor.

— Rev. A. S. Fichthorn has accepted the call to the associate pastorate of Holy Communion Church.

— Zion Lutheran Church, Olney, Rev. F. W. Friday, pastor, has purchased a lot at the corner of Fisher's avenue and Front street for the sum of $2,200. This congregation was organized but recently, and now has 28 active and zealous members.

— The contract for the erection of the basement of a new building, which will cost when completed about $9,000, has been awarded by the Church of Our Saviour, Kensington, Rev. C. M. Sandt, pastor. The church will be located on Allegheny avenue.

Washington

— The new pastor of St. Paul's Church, Rev. J. T. Huddle, was formally installed Thursday evening, May 26. The charges to the pastor and the congregation were delivered by Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D.D., and Rev. J. G. Butler, D.D., respectively.

New Orleans

— A number of pastors and laymen have united for the purpose of founding a Lutheran college in this city. It will be under the direction of the Conference of Missouri.

Kansas City

— Rev. J. Frank Heilman of York Springs, Pa., has accepted a pastoral call to the Children's Memorial Church, this city.

Portland

— Rev. J. A. Leas, pastor of St. James' Church, and a leader in the young people's movement in the Northwest, was re-elected president of the Pacific Synod at its recent meeting at Vancouver, Wash.

Louisville

— The seventh Lutheran church in this city is to be organized at South Louisville. Rev. E. C. Buschman took charge of the work June 1.

— The corner stone of the First Lutheran Church was laid on Whitsunday by the pastor, Rev. S. S. Waltz, D.D. When completed "this church will present as fine an appearance as any church in that city."

Harrisburg

— A new congregation, to be known as the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, has been organized in this city, and will erect a $10,000 building at once.

Syracuse

— The First English Lutheran Church, Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Zimmerman, pastor, which, during the absence of the pastor in Europe, is served by Rev. W. M. Glanding, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary on Sunday, June 19.

— On June 12 the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement was organized, under the direction of Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D.D., General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions. There are 30 charter members. In the evening Rev. E. L. Tucker was installed as pastor. The congregation expects to build a church soon.

Charleston

— Rev. Prof. E. G. Lund, D.D., professor of history and vice-president of the United Norwegian Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., has accepted the call to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, this city. He succeeds Rev. Dr. Scherer, president-elect of Newberry College, and will be one of the assistant teachers in the seminary at Mt. Pleasant.

Paterson

— Rev. A. N. Bean, under instruction of the Board of Home Missions, began mission work in this city on June 1. The field is promising, and it is expected that a new congregation will shortly be organized.

Camden

— The second General Synod English mission in this city has been organized with 42 members. The work is being supervised by Rev. S. J. Doughterty, missionary superintendent in Philadelphia.

Miscellany

— The enterprising Home Mission Board of the General Synod at a recent meeting resolved to inaugurate work at Paterson and Newark, N. J.; Cleveland (third mission), O.; Lake View, Chicago, Ill.; Irving Park and a German Church in the same city; Manlius and Macomb, Ill.; Maupville, Kan.; Enid, Okla.; Denver (Second Church), Col.; Fresno and San Francisco (Second Church), Cal.

— Calvary Lutheran Church, Chillicothe, Ohio, Rev. George H. Schnur, pastor, on June 5 dedicated its handsome new church edifice, which cost more than $11,000. The service of consecration was conducted by the pastor, and addresses were delivered by Dr. Hamma, Rev.

CALVARY CHURCH, CHILLICOTHE, OHIO

Bramkamp and Rev. Roemer. Interesting services were held throughout the week.

The building is 36 x 60 in size, brick trimmed with Indiana limestone, located on Main street, near the center of the little city. It is "old English Gothic" in style of architecture. The entrance is through the tower vestibule, from which one passes south into the auditorium, or west into the Luther League room. The latter is built specifically for the use of the Luther League and forms the octagonal front extension to the main building noticed in the cut. This room opens into the main room by rolling partitions, opposite the south or chancel end of the church. Three Gothic arches support this south end, the center one forming the chancel; the east arch, a space reserved for a pipe organ; the west one, plastered, forming the sacristy. Over the beautiful white and gold altar is a fine cruciform window symbolizing the name of the church, "Calvary," and also the Holy Communion. The design comprises an "Ecce Homo" head of Christ in the intersection of the arms of the cross, a group of heads of wheat and bunches of grapes being the main features of the arms of the window. Two large Gothic windows give the necessary light for the church—one containing a figure of Martin Luther, accompanied by the Luther League emblem and an open Bible, given by St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Corydon, Ind., as a memorial of Rev. Schnur's father, their deceased pastor; the other, a "Good Shepherd" window, donated as a memorial gift by the Miami Synod. The oak pews, oak casings and rich red carpeting, along with a number of smaller handsome gifts, all the furnishings carrying out in beautiful harmony the original plans of pastor and architect (Robert C. Gotwald, of Springfield, Ohio), it is no wonder that the visiting clergy were unanimous in their verdict that Calvary, of Chillicothe is a model building for a first mission in a smaller city—beautiful, churchly, substantial, economical. Several other missions are already planning to copy it. Pastor Schnur has made some study of Lutheran Church architecture, and personally superintended the construction of Calvary from the first excavation to the last bit of decoration.

— The First Lutheran Church of Xenia, O., Rev. A. E. Gringel, pastor, closed a week of consecratory services on the first Sunday after Trinity. The principal addresses were delivered on Trinity Sunday by Revs. Drs. Ort, Shaffer and Heckert and Rev. F. Gotwald. Rev. Dr. Peschau of the District Synod of Ohio delivered one of the week-day evening addresses.

— The Church of the Redeemer, Binghamton, N. Y., Rev. M. J. Bieber, pastor, observed its fiftieth anniversary on June 12 with appropriate exercises. Pastor Bieber recently received a call from the Board of Foreign Missions to direct the educational work at Rajahmundry, India, which, after careful consideration, he has declined.

— Gettysburg Theological Seminary has received a gift of $10,000 to endow a chair of "Reading and Pulpit Elocution." The donor is Mr. J. Harry Fritz of Somerset, Pa.

— The California Synod at its recent convention took action looking to the founding of a Theological Seminary on the Pacific coast. A committee was appointed to confer with a like committee from the Pacific Synod in furtherance of the enterprise.

— Rev. Charles Stroud, a retired Lutheran minister of Springfield, O., has bequeathed his entire fortune, valued at more than $100,000, to Wittenberg College, primarily to the Seminary.

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For the Pennsylvania Chautauqua, to be held at Mt. Gretna, Pa., July 1 to August 5, 1904, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell special excursion tickets from New York, Philadelphia, Chestnut Hill, Phœnixville, Wilmington, Perryville, Frederick, Md., Washington, D. C., East Liberty, Butler, Indiana, Connellsville, Bedford, Clearfield, Martinsburg, Bellefonte, Waterford, Canandaigua, Wilkes-Barre, Tomhicken, Mt. Carmel, Lykens, and principal intermediate points, to Mt. Gretna and return, at reduced rates. Tickets will be sold June 25 to August 5, inclusive, and will be good to return until August 16, inclusive. For specific rates, consult ticket agents.

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W. C. STOEVER, President.

NEW YORK

To All Societies Connected With Lutheran Churches in New York State:

The eleventh convention of the Luther League of New York State will be held in the Church of the Redeemer, corner Elmwood and Highland avenues, Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. J. Luther Sibole, pastor, August 16.

Owing to the fact that the National Convention will be held the same week at Buffalo, beginning on the evening of August 16, it has been decided to hold only two sessions, both of which will be devoted to the transaction of necessary business, the first session convening Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

All societies connected with Lutheran Churches in the State are entitled to representation, whether connected with a District League or not, and all are most cordially invited to send delegates.

Each society is entitled to two delegates and each District League to five delegates. Absent delegates are entitled to representation by duly accredited alternates.

Each society is urged to elect delegates and alternates promptly.

Delegates to the State convention may take advantage of the reduced railroad fare, offered on account of the National Convention as appended hereto.

The holding of both State and National conventions at the same time and place affords an exceptional opportunity for our young Lutherans to meet for the welfare of their League and their Church.

Let each one make a sacrifice in order to be present. Yours faithfully,

JAMES M. REYNOLDS, President.
EUGENE A. HIEBER, Corresponding secretary.

— The following delegates have been appointed by President James M. Reynolds to represent the State Luther League at the coming convention of the Luther League of America: J. M. Reynolds, Valatie; E. F. Eilert, New York; Fred L. Roth, Brooklyn; Rev. M. J. Bieber, Binghamton; Eugene A. Hieber, Utica; John F. Dinkey, Rochester; Rev. U. J. Klingensmith, Syracuse; Geo. D. Baschen, New York; Henry D. Brandes, New York: Rev. Paul W. Koller, Hudson.

New York City District

— The regular business meeting of the New York City Luther League was held at the First Lutheran Church, Mt. Vernon, Rev. James Berg, pastor, on Monday evening, June 27, the delegates and their friends, to the number of about 275 from Manhattan and Bronx, making the journey by chartered cars. Out of respect to the memory of those who lost their lives in the "General Slocum" disaster, the social feature, which for years has characterized the annual meeting at the Mt. Vernon church, was entirely omitted. One of the first steps taken at the meeting was the adoption of a message of sympathy to St. Mark's Church and League. President Runyon reported that four of the representatives of St. Mark's League to the City League are among the dead, and that St. Mark's League lost about 75 of its members. Delegates to the State and National conventions were appointed. A resolution congratulating Rev. Dr. John A. W. Haas upon his election to the presidency of Muhlenberg College was adopted.

— The young people of Grace Church, the Rev. J. A. Weyl, pastor, placed in the church a beautiful window representing Christ in Gethsemane. In a service in connection with this event, held on May 15, the Rev. Dr. Hoffman of Brooklyn preached the sermon.

Rhinebeck District

— At its last regular meeting the Luther League at Valatie elected 11 new members.

PENNSYLVANIA

Greensburg District

— A joint convention of Sunday-school workers of the Southern Conference and Greensburg District Luther League was held in the Lutheran Church at Irwin, Wednesday and Thursday, June 29 and 30. An interesting programme had been prepared, of which a report may be expected in the next issue.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

— A joint meeting of the Luther Leaguers of St. Mark's and Zion's churches, Washington, was held at St. Mark's Church Wednesday evening, May 25. The attendance was excellent. Rev. Huddle, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, gave an excellent talk on the topic, "The Holy Spirit." Rev. Bergner, of Zion's Church, and Rev. Frantz, of St. Mark's Church, also gave interesting talks. The League quartette assisted by rendering a beautiful anthem. After the devotional service refreshments were served and a social hour was spent.

— The Luther League of St. Mark's Church conducted services at the Home of the Aged Sunday afternoon, May 29. The attendance was so large that it was impossible to seat all. Before beginning the service a bouquet of carnations was presented to each member of the Home, much to their delight. The service was conducted by the president of the League, Mr. Harry R. Fellinger. Singing being the feature, solos were contributed by the Misses Helen Violet Murray and Fannie Noack; the quartette rendered two numbers, and the pastor, Rev. Frantz, made a brief address. Many favorite hymns of members of the Home were sung, the Luther League Hymnals being used. The League is very popular with the members of the Home and is always received very cordially.

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IOWA

— On Tuesday evening, June 7, the Luther League of Dubuque held its semi-annual election of officers. George F. Unmacht was re-elected president for the third time; Mrs. Moritz was elected vice-president; Hugo Mall, secretary, and Emil Bock, treasurer. There was a large attendance.

— The Luther League of Burlington is a new organization, consisting of the young people's societies of the three Lutheran churches of the city. Much interest in the State League is being manifested in Burlington.

Tri-City League

The Tri-City Luther League held a meeting on June 27 at St. Paul's Church, Rev. W. H. Blancke, pastor, Davenport, Iowa. Special cars took the young people of Moline and Rock Island. Devotional exercises were led by Rev. Blancke. Vocal solors were rendered by Mr. W. R. Johnson, Miss Goldie Watkins and Mrs. Carmichal, respectively; piano solo, Miss Mabel Benkert, and reading by Miss Tillie Boettcher. Every number was encored and cheerfully responded to. Next came refreshments in the spacious basement below. It was one of the most successful District meetings held by this League. Not the least of the pleasure was the return trip down the high Davenport Bluffs, across the old Mississippi on the big Government Bridge, across the Island through Rock Island, and singing almost all the way. Grace Church, Rev. Hoffsten, of Rock Island, Ill., will next entertain the Tri-City League.

OREGON

Columbia District

— A most inspiring and enthusiastic meeting of young Lutherans was the second convention of the Columbia District Luther League. The business sessions were held in St. James' Church, Rev. J. A. Leas, pastor. The church was prettily decorated with flowers, and the streamers of the Luther League colors with a large Luther League emblem as a prominent feature. St. James' League had provided colors for delegates and visiting members, and the "Black, Red, White, Blue and Gold" was everywhere in evidence. At the first session on Tuesday afternoon the opening service was conducted by Rev. Wm. Brenner of The Dalles, Vice-President Bainter presiding. The Credentials Committee reported 27 delegates and 5 pastors present. Upon recommendation of the committee a constitution for the government of the League was adopted. At the Tuesday evening session the worship was conducted by Rev. J. A. Leas. Mr. Emmett Bainter in an earnest and hearty manner welcomed the delegates, and extended to them the hospitalities of St. James'. The response was made by Wm. S. T. Derr, president of the District League. Mr. Knud Raudstein of the Norwegian Church delivered an excellent address on "The Value of Young People's Organizations in the Church." Rev. H. A. W. Yung of Seattle, Wash., gave the principal address of the evening, taking as his text, "And let it be when thou hearest the sound of a-going in the top of the mulberry trees that thou shalt bestir thyself." The election of officers occurred on Wednesday morning, and the following were elected: Pres., W. S. T.

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Derr; sec., Anna Stubling, ass't sec., Louise Wickline; treas., Emil R. Gelinsky. A paper was presented by Miss Hanna Schwabe of The Dalles, on the subject, "Our Duty," and Rev. Holl led in the interesting and instructive discussion which followed. At the afternoon session a paper on "Our Responsibility" was read by Miss Edith Smith of Vancouver. Mr. C. E. Holt of Portland ably lead in the spirited discussion which followed. Mr. Geo. Weigel of The Dalles then presented a paper on "Our Opportunity." Mr. Weigel suggested the holding of a national convention of Lutherans in Portland during the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition in 1905. The suggestion met with favorable discussion, and it was finally decided that the Columbia District League shall work in this direction in conjunction with committees from other Lutheran Church organizations. At the close of this discussion a "Question Box" was conducted, and many interesting questions were discussed. For the evening session a large audience gathered in the Swedish Immanuel Church. The decorations of potted plants and cut flowers were very attractive. The rally opened with singing the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," and this was followed by scripture lesson and prayer by Mr. W. H. Rogen. A reading on "Martin Luther" was given by Miss Tabitha Kern, and an address on "Lutheranism—Modern," by Rev. Wm. Holl. Rev. William Brenner delivered an address on "Martin Luther and the Reformation," and Mr. A. J. Hegens gave a stirring address on "Our Opportunity." The rally closed with singing the Luther League Rally Hymn. Excellent music for all the sessions was furnished by local talent. The convention received extensive notices by the press, excellent reports being written by Mr. W. I. Eck of St. James' Church.

— The Columbia River District League, at its recent convention, took the first steps in preparation for the Luther Rally Day at the Lewis and Clark Exposition in Portland in 1905. This District League is helping along the extension work by assisting in the organization of a Puget Sound District League and a Bi-State League of Oregon and Washington. Mr. W. S. T. Derr, Miss Anna Stubling and Miss Lulu Wickline will represent the District League at the National Convention at Buffalo.

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July 10. VI Trinity—Acts 9: 36-43.
Monday—Exodus 3: 1-18.
Tuesday—II Kings 6: 1-7.
Wednesday—Proverbs 22: 1-29.
Thursday—Acts 3: 1-26.
Friday—Luke 12: 1-12.
Saturday—I John 3: 1-24.

July 17. VII Trinity—Hebrews 11: 24-40.
Monday—John 1: 1-14.
Tuesday—John 3: 1-16.
Wednesday—James 1: 1-18.
Thursday—Matthew 28: 19-20.
Friday—Mark 16: 14-20.
Saturday—Acts 2: 37-40.

July 24. VIII Trinity—I Peter 1: 22-25.
Monday—Deuteronomy 30: 1-20.
Tuesday—Joshua 1: 1-18.
Wednesday—Genesis 22: 1-24.
Thursday—Galatians 3: 1-29.
Friday—Ephesians 3: 1-21.
Saturday—I John 5: 1-21.

July 31. IX Trinity—James 2: 17-26.
Monday—Zechariah 12: 1-14.
Tuesday—Isaiah 58: 1-7.
Wednesday—Joel 2: 28-32.
Thursday—Ephesians 2: 13-17.
Friday—Romans 14: 1-23.
Saturday—Colossians 4: 1-9.

Book Review

SHOES AND RATIONS FOR A LONG MARCH; OR, NEEDS AND SUPPLIES IN EVERY-DAY LIFE. By H. Clay Trumbull. Pp. 353. $1.50 net. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

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Our Juniors :—July

WRITE FOR THIS DEPARTMENT TO C. E. HAUPT, D.D., LANCASTER PA.

FOR interesting dates during July, the Juniors may be set to seeking through the League Calendar of a year ago, and the records of our histories of our Church here and in other lands.

"A Golden Chain of Invitations:"
St. Matthew 11:28, "Come unto Me."
Song of Sol. 4: 1, "Come with Me."
St. Luke 18:22, "Come follow Me."
St. John 1:39, "Come and see."
Revelation 4:1, "Come up hither."

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Keep the highest possible ideal of a meeting before you.

When a beautiful thought or bright idea occurs to you, note it, "lest you forget."

Thoughts:

Perhaps the greatest lack of our lives is the want of faith.

The doing of good is the flower of seed planted in the heart by wise instruction.

No sin pays.

Neither a good deed nor even a good word ever dies.

Habits, either good or bad, are welded to our lives by little strokes of repetition.

What a power lies stored away in the one word, "CONCENTRATION!"

Mr. James I. Pyle, an enthusiastic worker for the Juniors, has received valuable suggestions from various correspondents, replying to queries as to the progress, success and means of work of the Junior Leagues.

The organization of some of the Leagues has helped to keep the young people of the Church together and concentrated, instead of straying off into various bodies.

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